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MAINE WRECK

Is Slowly Settling Into
the Mud.

The Court of Inquiry Goes to
Key West, Fla.

Where It Will Take the Testimony of
the Survivors of the Disaster.

Capt. Sigbee Favors an Independent
Examination by Spanish Divers.

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HAVANA, Feb. 24 (via Key West).—The situation, which may be changed at any moment by fresh discoveries, was summed up, when this dispatch was sent Wednesday afternoon, substantially as follows:

The divers have discovered cases of brown hexagonal powder for the 16-inch guns unexploded and believing also that other unexploded will be found in the 16-inch magazine on the starboard side forward, the conviction grows that this magazine did not blow up. If this be so, and many have in-

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The prohibition had its origin in the fear of infection from contagious diseases. Some applications have already been made to the Spanish authorities to have the bodies brought to this country. We can afford to wait a little longer, seeing that the new gun has been mounted and the guns are being tested. The court of inquiry will be made to leave Key West in a few days. The Spanish authorities here who represent 90 per cent of the property and pay 75 per cent of the taxes of the island, would compel him to accept of Spain's terms. As for volunteers, the men are for the most part, the employees of these merchants, and the volunteers of the army are largely the sons of their parents.

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HAVANA, Feb. 25.—The court of inquiry held its usual sessions Thursday. Capt. Sampson reports that Chaplain Childwick was examined as to his personal experiences at the time of the disaster to the Maine, and that the testimony was taken of the captain of a Spanish bark in the harbor and the superintendent of the West Indian oil works, across the bay at Regia, both of whom witnessed the explosion. Mr. Holt, the British engineer of the floating dock in the harbor, wrote a letter to the court, but did not add anything material to what was known.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS. KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE

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DESPERATE DUEL.

One Dead and the Other Dying. The Result of a Fight Between Brothers-in-Law in Taylor County.

CAMPBELLVILLE, Ky., Feb. 24.—One dead and the other dying is the result of a desperate duel between Robert Shipp and Lloyd Horton, brothers-in-law, in Taylor county, near this place, Wednesday. The duel grew out of a feud of long standing between the men, and for sensational features had not been equaled in this section. Wednesday afternoon Shipp was passing Horton's house. Horton was standing on the porch and Shipp was passing him, when Shipp drew his pistol and fired, and the bullet entering just to the right of Horton's head, Horton then drew his pistol and fired, Shipp fell and instantly expired, but Horton continued to fire until the contents of his revolver were emptied into Shipp's body. Horton called his wife to assist him in the house, saying that he was killed. At 9 p. m. he was dying. Both men leave large families.

COLORADO MAN MOBBED.

Richard Allen Dragged From Jail and Thrown into a Tree in the Courthouse Yard at Mayfield, Ky.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Feb. 24.—A mob of about 250 or 400 citizens of Mayfield and Graves county gathered from different points in the outskirts of the city and dragged Richard Allen, colored, out of the jail and carried him to the courthouse yard and swung him to a tree.

Allen was arrested several days ago for burglary and it was for this crime that he was strung up. He was a member of a gang who are responsible for wholesale robberies in this vicinity. Summary justice will be meted out to the others if captured.

The citizens of the town greatly deplore the act, but it seems to be the only remedy with which to stop the burglaries.

ELECTION BILL.

An Attempt to Force Its Passage in the House Resulted in a Loss of Friends of the Measure.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 26.—At the afternoon session of the house an attempt to abandon the regular order of business and force the passage of the "election bill" resulted in the loss of two of the friends of the measure. On a test vote 31 of the 100 members voted against the measure. Its enemies do not believe they can prevent its passage any longer, but they believe it is killed or can be killed by more waste of time and by expiration of the session before it can be passed. A veto and get into effect.

Quarantine at Pentecost.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 23.—The penitentiary officials are preparing to take steps to quarantine against prisoners sent here from Laurel and other eastern Kentucky counties, where small-pox prevails. Dr. Brumby, penitentiary physician, Thursday night wired Laurel county officials to withhold a batch of prisoners who were to be sent here. It is also probable that the city will be asked to quarantine against the counties mentioned.

Surrendered to the Authorities.

Mr. STEPHEN, Ky., Feb. 23.—Millard Anderson, who knocked Henry Hawkins in the head Wednesday evening nearly killing him, surrendered to the authorities. The trial will be continued until Monday, March 7. Hawkins is in a dying condition. Anderson's plea will be self-defense, because at the time he was striking Hawkins the latter was attempting to draw a pistol.

Offer Services to Government.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 23.—Gov. Bradley Thursday received letters from Francis Pickens, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Robert W. Woody, formerly of Lexington, but now connected with the New York Sun, asking that their names be enrolled on the first company of volunteers to be sent to the front in the event of war with Spain.

Smallpox Epidemic.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., Feb. 23.—Thirteen new cases of smallpox developed Thursday. Disease seems to be beyond the control of the local health board. The assistance of the government will be invoked. Three hundred cases are reported in the mining regions of east Tennessee, south Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

Argument in the Contempt Case.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 26.—The Corington contempt cases were argued before the court of appeals by Judge O'Hara and Charles H. Fiske for the appellants and Judge Charles J. Helm for Judge Tarvin. A decision is not expected for several days.

Sunday Bill Defeated.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 26.—The bill to prohibit Sunday baseball playing except in cities of first and second class was defeated in the house Friday.

New Postmaster at Mayfield, Ky.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The president Friday sent the name of W. S. Mason to the senate to be postmaster at Mayfield, Ky.

Still in the Race.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 25.—Maj. P. P. Johnson, when asked what his position there is for the report that he would abandon his race for governor, said: "The talk about my getting out of the race for governor is an invention of those who wish to see me out. I am in the race."

Monitor in Clay County.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 23.—Timothy Asher, a farmer of Clay county, reports that Arch Baker shot and killed Angus Belcher on Red River creek, Clay county, Wednesday night. Baker shot and killed Angus Belcher on Red River creek, Clay county, Wednesday night. Baker shot and killed Angus Belcher on Red River creek, Clay county, Wednesday night.

Dropped Dead of Heart Disease.

BARTONSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 23.—A. P. Thompson, a prominent citizen of this county, dropped dead at his home in Bartonville, Ky., Wednesday night, after a long illness. He was 65 years of age and had been in the county for many years. His death is attributed to heart disease.

Cigarette Bill Passed.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 25.—The house at its afternoon session passed the Watkins cigarette bill, which prohibits the smoking, sale, barter or loan of cigarettes in this state and is a penalty for having any cigarette material in one's possession.

THE WRECK OF THE MAINE—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN THE MORNING AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

The main deck between the forward and after magazines is blown upward and to the starboard. The forward smokestack is blown back and to the starboard. The whole wreck lies in a line to port.</